



State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee Meeting

August 16, 2021



Welcome and Roll Call

Opening Remarks

Kimberly Hiner, Chair

Happy Anniversary!

The State CHW Advisory Committee will be 3 years old on
October 22, 2021!

Thanks for helping to light the way forward.



Meeting Minutes:

May 17, July 7, July 12

CHW Certification Update

Certification Update: Sept. 1, 2019 – August 16, 2021

# applications submitted: (certification based on experience, based on training, and renewal)	1111
# certification applications in review process: (under review and applicant receiving assistance)	198
# certifications renewed	1
# total CHW certificates issued:	913
Certification based on experience	846
Certification based on training	67

Deadline for Certification based on Experience

- The deadline to apply for certification based on experience was June 30, 2021.
- Applications submitted by June 30 are being processed.
- Applicants have 120 days after notification to provide required documentation to complete their application.

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update

Accreditation Update: Jan. 1, 2020 – Aug. 16, 2021

Accreditation of CHW Certification Training Programs

# applications submitted:	13
# applications in review process (under review and applicant receiving assistance):	5
# accreditations issued:	8

Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

1. Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Inc.
2. Asian American Center of Frederick in partnership with Hagerstown Community College
3. Baltimore City Community College
4. Heritage Care Inc.
5. Howard County General Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine
6. Maryland Area Health Education Center Program
7. Mosaic Group, Inc.
8. Washington County Commission on Aging, Inc.

Practicum accomodation

Updates to Hospitals and Nursing Homes on Staffing Shortages

- Accommodation for students to complete a CHW Training Program by using employment in place of the original Practicum under certain conditions
- Issued December 1, 2020
- Ended on August 15, 2021

CHW Proposed Amendments

COMAR 10.68.01

COMAR 10.68.01.07.D(3)(b)(i): Proposed amendment

- Clarifies that the 20 hours of professional development activities required to renew a CHW certificate are to be earned within the 2 years immediately preceding the date of the renewal.

COMAR 10.68.02

COMAR 10.68.02.01 - .04: Proposed amendments

- Provide for the accreditation of CHW apprenticeship programs registered with the Maryland Department of Labor.
- Authority: Health-General § 13-3705

CHW Specialty Trainings

Chronic Disease Management: Diabetes

- Please refer to:
CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT:
CHW Specialty Training - Options for Consideration

CHW Grant and Contract Opportunities

CDC-RFA-OT21- 2103

National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Public Health Disparities among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities

- 2-year grant awarded to the Department May 26, 2021
- Multiple offices listed

CHW Program Goals

- Build, leverage, and expand infrastructure support for COVID-19 prevention and control among populations that are at higher risk and underserved
- Increase capacity of the CHW workforce through investments in recruitment, training availability, and culturally appropriate services

CHW Elements

- Competitive Grants
 - Implement new CHW training programs
 - Support currently accredited CHW training programs
 - For training entities to recruit/provide scholarships for under served/ under resourced CHW candidates recruited from high-risk communities
- Contracts
 - Develop and implement CHW specialty trainings that address COVID-19, related comorbidities, and health disparities
 - Develop culturally and linguistically appropriate materials for CHWs on COVID-19 prevention, related services, and co-morbidities

Contract: Chronic Disease Management Curriculum/Resource

Awarded: Chronic Disease Management: Curriculum/Resource Development

Collaboration with MDH Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA)

Curricula Development

- Chronic Disease Management: Diabetes
 - Chronic Disease Management: Cardiovascular Disease
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- Awarded to JSJ Consulting
 - Due January 31, 2022

CHW Advisory Committee – Upcoming Meetings

Committee Vice-Chair & Secretary

LAW

Health General § 13–3603.

(A) (1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(2) (I) FROM AMONG ITS APPOINTED MEMBERS, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE **ANNUALLY SHALL ELECT A VICE CHAIR AND A SECRETARY.**

(II) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE:

1. **THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR AND THE SECRETARY; AND**
2. **THE DUTIES OF EACH OFFICER.**

Committee Vice-Chair & Secretary

- Last election Feb. 11, 2019
 - Tiffany Scott, Vice-Chair
 - Fay Alexander, Secretary
- Election to take place at November meeting
 - Self-nominations accepted at an open meeting
 - Suggested process shared with Advisory Committee

Upcoming CHW Advisory Committee Meetings

Quarterly CHW State Advisory Committee meetings, 1 PM – 3 PM, to be held virtually or at MDH:

- **November 15, 2021**
- **February 21, 2022**
- **May 16, 2022**

Open Discussion

CHW Program Contacts and Links

Maryland CHW Certification Website

<https://pophealth.health.maryland.gov/Community-Health-Workers/Pages/Home.aspx>

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Adjournment

Thank you for your time today!